

Mr. A.S. Griffin,
103 E. Love St.,
Brownsville, Texas.
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Mr. Charles H. Duell,
Duell, Sloan & Pounce, Inc.
270 Madison Ave.,
New York City, 16
New York.

Dear Mr. Duell:-

I am very much at a loss to understand all the things that have happened to my book in the face of the many details which have been discussed at length regarding the format, etc., with Walter Goodwin. The mis-directing of the duty, the commencement of work on the plates before I had even seen the duty and had to understand. I have written at length to fully regarding all this, but have returned the duty which I cannot accept in its present form.

There is no use in repeating all that I have written to him. This is to request you to stop all operations until I arrive which will be as quickly as possible. Not only have I been caught here in terrible weather, but I have been ill with the flu for several days. The moment I am able to travel I shall come by train leaving my car here.

I feel certain that we can straighten out the present difficulties in conference and the book will have to be further delayed until they are. I should reach New York by the end of the week and will come at once to see you.

Assuring you of my desire to co-operate in every way possible, I am

Most sincerely yours,

F.S.

On receipt of the duty last Friday, I wired Goodwin to halt further work on plates pending my arrival.